

BRIDGE ACROSS COLUMBIA RIVER AT VANTAGE FERRY,
WASH.

DECEMBER 30, 1924.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. JONES of Washington, from the Committee on Commerce,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3641]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3641) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River at Vantage Ferry, Wash., have considered the same and report thereon with an amendment, and as so amended recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill thus amended has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed letters, the amendment referred to therein having been incorporated in the bill as reported.

In line 6, after the word "River" strike out the words "on State Road numbered 7, at" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near."

[Second indorsement]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
December 20, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, S. 3641, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River at Vantage Ferry, Wash., if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Columbia River do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 20, 1924.

Hon. WESLEY L. JONES,
Chairman Committee on Commerce,
United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13, transmitting a copy of the bill S. 3641, with the request that the committee be furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would authorize the State of Washington, or its assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Columbia River on State route No. 7 at Vantage Ferry, between Grant and Kittitas Counties. The proposed bridge would be on an important highway in the system of Federal aid highways approved for the State of Washington and will be a free bridge. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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